



FIRST APPLICANTS . . . Two high school students, Carol Shinoda, left, and Carol Johnson discuss the Miss Teen contest with Mrs. Joseph Boylan, right. The contest being conducted by California Federation of Women's clubs, sponsored here by the Junior Woman's Club, is open to junior and senior high school girls. Applications may be picked up at the Torrance Herald office, YWCA and YMCA. Interested girls may call Mrs. Boylan.

Insurance Women Plan Convention

Convention planning was the major topic of discussion at the January meeting of the Harbor Cities Insurance Women's Assn. committee held at the home of Mrs. John Dallam. Attending were Mrs. W. E. Bowen of Torrance, Mrs. Dal-

lam, Redondo, Miss Geni Tabynn, San Pedro and Joan Phipps Luup, Torrance. Miss Frances Gray, convention chairman, guest speaker, told of the various activities to be held on March 6, 7 and 8, at the Hotel Statler in Los Angeles when over 400 insurance women from five states and Hawaii attend the regional convention. A trip to Disneyland, champagne parties, luncheons and banquets honoring national officers and local club presidents are scheduled for the yearly event.

Announcement of the Feb. 18, meeting was made and a special committee was appointed to assist in the arrangements of this Valentine membership drive. Robb's Restaurant in El Segundo, will host the local insurance women at a Fashion Show, which will be followed by a get-acquainted meeting and social hour. Reservations for this meeting may be made by calling Ruth Dallam or Joan Luup and an invitation to all women working in insurance or related lines is extended by club members.

First High School Girls Enter Miss Teen Contest

Two Carols were the first to secure applications for entrance in the "Miss Teen" contest being sponsored by the Torrance Junior Woman's club. They are Miss-Carol Shinoda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shinoda, 2716 Torrance Blvd. and Miss Carol Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Johnson, 1226 Elm Ave.

Girls who enter the contest must maintain scholastic grades of "B" or above; participate in extra curricular activities and be interested in church and civic affairs.

Miss Shinoda is active in Tartar Ladies, Tri-Hi Y, was vice president of her freshman class, Girls League representative, student court bailiff, served on Girls League hospitality committee, and was one of the top 15 in the homecoming queen contest.

She is vice president and chaplain of the Delta Y-Teen club, active in the Baptist Youth Fellowship and is secretary of her senior class at Torrance High school.

Miss Johnson is also a Tartar Lady, member of the scholar-ship society, president of her sophomore class, student body vice president, Tri-Hi Y chaplain, president of the Luther League. She teaches Sunday school at the First Lutheran Church and also sings in the choir.

Both of the girls baby sit and Miss Shinoda worked in a department store during the holi-

days and assists at her father's nursery.

"Principals and teachers at the local high schools are assisting with the campaign. Applications may be obtained at the Torrance Herald office, YWCA and the YWCA.

Mrs. Joseph Boylan, youth director for the Torrance Junior Woman's club, is being assisted by Mrs. Donald R. De Cuir in staging the contest.

Local PTA Council Endorses New 'City to City' Program

Torrance Council of Parent Teacher Assn., 33rd District took the lead in endorsing the "City to City" program.

This project is the collection of used magazines in good condition from an approved list to be sent to the sister city, Konya, Turkey and other foreign countries if the units desire. These magazines are generally sought after by overseas communities for use in teaching English, study of the latest styles in American fashions, productions of various products and other phases of life in America. Mrs. Kenneth McVey, president, also pointed out that persons not reading English could benefit from story telling pictures in the pictorial magazines.

All international relations chairmen, presidents or representatives of each PTA met in the Carl Steele cafeteria Wednesday to discuss further plans for taking an active part

in this nation-wide program. Mrs. Jack Erving, director of public affairs and Mrs. McVey coordinated the meeting.

Mrs. Trudy Burbage, school district representative outlined school plans in promoting mutual understanding in Turkey in the sister city program recently adopted by the City of Torrance.

In line with the CCPT theme "Expanding Our Circles of Cooperation" the Torrance City Council will play a two fold purpose: participating in the district project "Magazines For Friendship" and sharing a community wide project in carrying out a program of mutual interest in international friendship and understanding.

R. K. Petrat, Carl Steele principal, greeted the group and Mrs. Thomas Green, PTA president and a committee, served as hostesses during the coffee hour.



CITY TO CITY . . . Torrance Council PTA joined wholeheartedly this week in the nation-wide movement to create better understanding with the peoples of the world in the newly inaugurated "City to City" program. The Council will support the "Magazines for Friendship" project. Discussing the movement are from left, Mrs. Edward Conry, president of the Fern-Greenwood PTA; Mrs. Thomas N. Greene, Carl Steele PTA president; Miss Trudy Burbage and Mrs. Kenneth McVey, council president.

Will Select 'Oil Woman'

Mrs. Royce Donkle, president of the Desk and Derrick Club of Long Beach, announced Sunday that an "Oil Woman of the Year" contest will be sponsored by the Desk and Derrick Club of Tulsa in cooperation with the International Petroleum Exposition to be held in Tulsa, May 14-23, 1959.

Mrs. Ruth Burris, Desk and Derrick chairman of the IPE Committee, stated that women in all branches of the petroleum industry are eligible and need not be affiliated with any particular organization. Qualifications for candidates include outstanding contribution to the petroleum industry, attendance at the IPE in order to receive the award, nomination by her company, Chamber of Commerce, or club, with entry postmarked by March 31, 1959.

Ann Landers

(Continued from Page 9) Several times I have seen wetness and bruises on her youngster's backs (the baby is less than 2). When I asked the oldest boy where he got the marks he said "Mommy hit me with the coffee-pot wire."

Once I asked her about the bruises and she said "The boys fight sometime". I know she is lying and that the children are being beaten. Shall I say something at the risk of being told to keep my nose out of her family affairs? I am heartbroken. Please advise me.—GRAN.

This is your business. If you saw evidence that stranger's children were being beaten you'd speak up, wouldn't you? Well, please do as much for your own grandchildren. These little people NEED someone to defend them.

Children should be taught respect for authority but not on the receiving end of an appliance cord. An old-fashioned spanking can get to the seat of the problem very effectively.

Tell your son and his wife that child-beating is against the law and if you see any more marks on the backs of their little one you'll call in the proper authorities.

Dear Ann: A girl in our office collected \$1 each from 24 of us to send a wedding gift to the boss's future daughter-in-law who lives in another city. The gift was lost in the mail and not insured. Should she be held responsible and asked to buy another gift with her own money?—THE GROUP.

Dear Group: She should indeed. A person who is so scatter-brained that she doesn't know enough to insure a gift bought with collected funds, ought to be taught the lesson the hard way.

If alcohol is robbing you or someone you love of health and dignity, send for ANN LANDERS' new booklet, "Help for the Alcoholic," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large-sized addressed, stamped envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. (C) 1959, Field Enterprises, Inc.

YWCA Membership Drive Underway

More than 80 workers for the 1959 YWCA membership drive attended the Kickoff Luncheon at the Jump'n Jack in an attempt to "Reach for the Moon" with a Harbor Area goal of 1400 members.

Dr. Francis Clark, Harbor Area chairman of the drive, told the group that the 1400 goal was divided between the branches with San Pedro, responsible for 750, Wilmington 325, and Torrance 325.

Mrs. H. H. Kodani, speaking on the theme "Discover with Others" told the group what the YWCA has meant in the lives of so many for so long.

"What the YWCA means to me" was presented by a Y-Teen, Betty Waite, representing the Wilmington branch; a member of the Y-Wives, Mrs. Floyd Latham, San Pedro branch.

The drive was launched with a "bang" as Dean J. Reyburn Hatfield, as master of ceremonies, suggested at the close of the meeting that the balloons decorating the tables be burst.

Carrying out the theme of shooting for the moon, a backdrop behind the speakers table depicted a moon with "1400" in silver numerals with a rocket approaching it. Blue balloons with the YWCA world insignia hung from the chandelier and centered the tables.

The kickoff committee was headed by Mrs. John Kimball Brown. Others on the committee were Mmes. P. R. Crossman, Lee Owens, and Muriel Blackstone.

Seaside

January meeting of the Seaside PTA was held in the cafeteria of the school on Jan. 27. The Manhattans quartet, under the supervision of Don Galvin, entertained in their barber shop style.

The meeting had been planned so that parents might be informed as to the activities of the American Field Services. Mrs. Francis Stockle, an AFS representative, presented two students from European countries attending Torrance High Schools and a Torrance girl who visited Greece.

It was explained that the bulk of the funds raised for this work is spent to bring young foreigners to this country so that they may return home with impressions of the American way of life. The executive committee had recommended a contribution to AFS, and the recommendation was approved by those at the meeting. In keeping with the mood of the evening, foreign pastries were served with coffee following the meeting.

Flavian

Flavian PTA will begin its Parent Education series on Monday, Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Olaf Simen-gaard, 5413 Arvada. The program will include a film "A Long Time to Grow." Coffee will be served following a discussion.

Free baby sitting will be provided at the home of Mrs. John Shriver, 5526 Towers.

Casimir

Don Mullaney led a group discussion on the multi-grade class concept at the Jan. 14 meeting of the Casimir Elementary PTA. Mr. Mullaney is principal of the Walteria School, where instigation of the multi-grade system has caused nation-wide interest. Since it's success, proven over a period of four years, many schools have adopted the "Little Red School House" practice. With parent approval, children are grouped according to ability and social maturity into primary or intermediate classes—primary consisting of youngsters in the first, second and third grade age bracket, the intermediate, the fourth, fifth and sixth grade bracket—a third of each age group in a class.

Mr. Mullaney with two Walteria multi-grade teachers, Mrs. Elinor Courtney and Mrs. Dorothea Hodgkinson presented a very thought provoking program.

Presiding over the business meeting was Mrs. Norman L. Boy, vice president. In the absence of Mrs. Bart Peters, Mrs. Tone Rogers explained the Honorary Life Membership Award and requested that names of worthy candidates be placed in the suggestion box. Nominated to the Honorary Life Membership Committee were Mmes. W. J. Keberlein, L. G. Graham, Les Augustson, Bernard Binyon and R. R. Schroeder.

"The Magazine for Friendship" project was explained by C. Sewell and captains for the six areas were appointed. Elected to serve on the nominating committee for the executive board were Mmes. Les

Augustson, M. C. Agular, William F. Hunter, D. Omeron and W. J. Keberlein.

The members approved a motion by Mrs. Don Lynch, representative chairman, to purchase a new coffee pot.

Two songs by the newly formed Mother Singers group concluded the evening's program.

"What Does Our Community Offer" will be the theme of the Feb. 11 association meeting. It will be held in the cafeteria commencing at 7:30 p.m.

South High

Changes have been made in the time and program for the February meeting of the South High PTA. The meeting will be held Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. in the library with a group conference for parents of freshmen at 7:45 p.m.

The testing program will be discussed by a panel. On the panel will be Robert Dollarhide, Mrs. Lillian Dean, Franklin Anderson and John Lucas. A question and answer period will follow.

Mrs. Charles Fisher, life membership and Founders Day chairman, will present South High's first Life Membership.

The annual dessert tea will be held Feb. 16 at the Poly-nians. Tickets will be on sale at the Feb. 3 meeting.

Entertain

Hosting a dinner party at the Polynesian Restaurant in Walteria recently were Mr. and Mrs. John A. Dundas, who have moved to the South Bay area from Geneva, Switzerland. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Douglas, Sr., of Rolling Hills. Mr. Dundas is the executive vice-president of Douglas Aircraft Company.

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Madrona

Madrona Avenue Elementary School will hold its monthly PTA meeting in the school cafeteria, Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

This will be their annual Founders' Day program with the presentation of Honorary Life Memberships. Mrs. James W. Cassidy, program chairman, has announced a delightful skit will be presented by Madrona PTA board entitled "Parade of Memories" with costumes ranging from the years 1898 to 1958.

Hostesses for the evening will be third grade mothers.



LAUNCH DRIVE . . . The Harbor Area YWCA membership drive got underway at a luncheon last Wednesday at the Jump'n Jack restaurant with 80 workers attending. A 1400 goal has been set. J. Reyburn Hatfield served as master of ceremonies. Pictured with him at the speaker's table are Mrs. L. Harper, president of the Harbor Area board; and Mrs. Marguerite Ervin of Torrance, a volunteer drive worker.



PARADE OF MEMORIES . . . When the Madrona PTA observes Founders Day at its meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. members will parade the fashions of yesteryear carrying out their "Memories" theme. Having fun with the costumes of the past decades are from left, seated Mmes. Vernon Bliss, A. R. Felando, Jr. and John Hacourt. Standing are Mmes. Robert Hagenbaugh, Hugh Brady and Fred Murphy.

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